



GLENCOE CENTRAL SPARTANS

*An Overview of 5th Grade
2016-2017*

School Hours

Central School's day officially begins when our first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. Students then have 6 minutes to proceed to their locker to gather all necessary learning materials. Our second bell rings at 8:21. All students must be in their first period class by 8:21. Our school day concludes at 3:25.

First Day of School

Our first day of school is Thursday, August 25. On this day, 5th grade students are to report to Misner Auditorium at 8:00 a.m. The main doors of Misner Auditorium are located on Grove Street. Once seated, the 5th grade teachers will introduce themselves, group students based on advisory classrooms, and then proceed to first period.

Morning Arrival/Afternoon Departure

With the exception of the first day of school, 5th graders can be dropped off and picked up in front of our school. We encourage students to arrive after 8:00 a.m. If dropping off and picking up, please review the carline procedures that are posted on our Internet page.

We also encourage all students to either walk or bike to school when/if possible. We have bike racks located on the north and south ends of our building.

Beginning the 2nd week of school, all students are permitted to visit our library or one of our morning clubs before the start of the school day. Our library opens at 7:30 a.m. Between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., students must use the main door on Greenwood. Students are required to sign in before they are allowed to enter our library. Students wishing to enter our building between 8:00 and 8:15 must have a pass from a staff member.

Team Structure

All 5th grade students will be placed on an academic team and assigned an advisor who will serve as the advisory teacher. Each team consists of 3 core academic teachers. Team and advisor assignments are a detailed process that is done with great care and detail. Once your child's placement is announced, changes are not granted.

Locks/Lockers

Each student is assigned a locker and issued a combination lock. Locks are required to be kept on the locker and secured at all times. Students begin practicing the use of a combination lock the second half of 4th grade. Students are encouraged to continue practicing using a combination lock in advance of the first day of school.

Bell Schedule

Central School utilizes a 9 period schedule with an advisory at the end of each day. Individual periods are 42 minutes in length with advisory lasting 10 minutes. Students are also allowed 4 minutes of passing time in between periods. Approximately 13 times during the school year, we will modify our bell schedule to allow for an extended advisory. On these days, students will see all classes for 38 minutes with a 45-minute advisory period. Examples of each schedule can be found on our Internet page.

Extended Advisory

Approximately 13 times per school year, our students will attend an extended advisory with their advisory classroom. During this 45 minute period, students will focus on social and emotional learning. In 5th grade, we use the Second Step curriculum, which focuses on responsible decision-making, empathy and communication training, emotion management and bully prevention.

Lunch/Recess Procedures

In 5th grade, students have a 42 minute lunch/recess period. The period is split in half for each portion. Once again, the Glencoe PTO will be offering a lunch program. As was done at West School, preordered lunches are delivered to our cafeteria and are available for pick up when students arrive. Students bringing a lunch from home will have the option of placing their lunch in a crate during first period. The crates are then delivered to coolers in the cafeteria and accessible at the start of the lunch period. Microwaves are also available.

Once lunch is over, students have the option of attending recess on our south playground, our north field, or they may visit the Oasis.

If your child forgets his/her lunch, we do supply peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and milk may be purchased for \$.25 per carton. If so desired, parents may drop off a late lunch in the Central School foyer prior to 10:30 a.m. All late lunches will be brought to the café and are available for students during their lunch period. Please note that our office team will not contact the student to alert him/her to the arrival of a late lunch.

For your information, 5th grade lunch typically begins around 10:40. Because of the early lunch period, students are permitted to bring a snack for consumption later in the day. We do recommend healthy snacks.

Core Curriculum

Over the course of 5th grade, students will take classes in our standard core curriculum. These classes include math, science, social studies, and literacy. With the exception of literacy, all classes are 42 minutes. Literacy is scheduled as a 2-period block, thus running 84 minutes.

Specific to math, we do offer classes based on similar academic abilities, including one pull out class. This class is referenced as our Accelerated Math Program and is taught by a math specialist outside of the regular 5th grade classroom. Enrollment in this course is determined by West School. In addition to the pull out program, we do offer a leveled math experience in our general education setting. This approach allows for the necessary depth of instruction and appropriate pacing that the selected group of students require.

Integrated Arts Program

In addition to our standard core curriculum, students in 5th grade cycle through an integrated arts rotation. Classes within this rotation include art, strategic studies, communication, and technology.

Instrumental/Vocal Music

A unique aspect of 5th grade is that all students participate in instrumental and vocal music. Instrumental music meets 3 times per week. Two sessions allow for small group instruction based on like instruments. The final session format uses large group instruction combining all instruments. In addition to instrument instruction, 5th grade students participate in vocal music. Vocal music is scheduled during small group instrument instruction a minimum of 4 times per month. After 5th grade, students have the choice of continuing with instrument and vocal instruction.

Modern Language

Central School offers Spanish to 5th grade students. This class meets twice per week for the duration of the school year. At the end of 5th grade, students may select French or Spanish for 6th grade.

Physical Education

Students in 5th grade attend a full period of physical education per day. Students will need a pair of sneakers each day. Beginning in 6th grade, students will be required to change in to a specific PE uniform.

Quarterly Assessments

Each quarter, a digital report card will be posted to your family access account. This report card will use letter grades to assess student performance. 5th grade is the first year our school district uses letter grades.

Homework

Students in 5th grade are generally assigned 45 minutes of homework per night. Of course some nights may require less or more time than the average. If you feel your child is spending too much time on homework, please contact his or her advisor.

Forgotten Materials

From time to time, a student may forget something at home. As educators, we understand and value this as part of the learning process. Parents are free to drop off forgotten items in the Central School foyer. Please be sure that all materials are clearly labeled with your child's name. Please note that forgotten items may not be left in the office and our office staff will not alert students to the delivery.

Absence/Tardies/Early Dismissal

School attendance is vital for academic and social success. If, however, your child is ill, we encourage him or her to stay home to rest. Please call our attendance line at 847-835-7801 to report all absences. If your child is going to be tardy to school, we also ask that you phone the attendance line to share this information. If you wish to pick your child up from school early, please send him/her with a note. Your child will need to sign out in the main office and will only be permitted to leave when an authorized adult comes to the office.